

DRUG CLERKS PLAN TO FORM A UNION

They View with Alarm the New \$10,000,000 Merger of Drug Stores.

FALK ISSUES APPEAL.

Officer of New Company Frankly Admits That the Middleman Will Have to Suffer.

While the United Chemists' Company, the new \$10,000,000 retail drug store trust, has not as yet taken over full control of the Wilson stores, or others which are to join the merger, enough has been done to lead many drug clerks into the belief that for their own protection they should organize a union.

S. Falk, Ph. G., of No. 123 East One Hundred and Sixteenth street, has issued an appeal to his brother pharmacists, urging them to organize before it is too late, and pointing out that if the drug store trust becomes an accomplished fact, the pharmacist must permanently accept the position of small salaried clerk to a soulless corporation, for he never can hope to own a business of his own, or else he must abandon his profession and take up some other work.

Discussing this phase of the situation to-day an officer of the projected combination said to an Evening World reporter:

A Drug Store Evolution.

"We are not seeing any controversy with people who feel aggrieved at this new merger. Nor will I consent to have my name used in the press, but the fact is that the drug store has evolved from the old-time ethical pharmacy into a purely commercial institution. Drug stores pay, but not because they keep the best and purest drugs and accurately compound doctors' prescriptions. The success of the modern drug store lies in the ability to buy cheaper what will sell rapidly, enabling us to turn our capital over rapidly. Drugs form only a small portion of this trade. We sell everything from writing paper and face bleach, to cigars and athletic goods, to say nothing of soda fountain refreshments, now mostly hot chocolate, and stamps. People will trade where they find the most attractive collection of goods. They like to look at the pretty sundries while their medicines are being compounded. The old-fashioned ethical druggist can't compete in this line. I am sorry if the drug clerks feel as Mr. Falk's letter indicates, because they will be just as much needed in the big stores of the future as in the little ones of the past."

Middlemen Will Suffer. "As to the future of the middleman. Well, they will suffer. A big combination, such as the United Chemists expects to be, naturally will buy direct from the manufacturer, saving the agent's profits. That will enable us to sell more cheaply at retail and will bring us the business."

The ultimate outcome, of course, will be that we manufacture certain lines of goods, the regular pharmacists. This will force another big saving, but in proprietary articles, specialties and things widely advertised we never can be independent of the manufacturer. You may say positively that we do not contemplate merging with any of the big manufacturers. In Chicago the Ideal Drug Stores Company, organized some months ago, already operates fifty-eight stores, has options on many others and is a great success."

Still with Cigar Company. George J. Whelan, organizer of the Drug Trust, is the man who four years ago started the Ideal Cigar Stores Company, of which he became president. It was reported that he had resigned from the presidency of the cigar company to become president of the drug concern, but he still does business on the top floor of the Trinity Building, behind a lot of drug paraphernalia, and bears the name "United Cigar Stores Company."

When Mr. Whelan is there he is somewhat curt, "not at home" to reporters, but a corps of draughtsmen work steadily on plans of shop fronts which look for all the world as if they might be for a lot of drug store fronts, all to be built of one general plan and appearance.

It is said that the same money that backed the cigar stores will back the drug stores, but many of the druggists who join the merger will take larger blocks of stock.

TUG JOHN S. SMITH SINKS IN NORTH RIVER.

Floating Ice Smashes a Hole in the Hull of the Small Craft.

The tug John S. Smith, of the Lackawanna Railroad fleet, was sunk to-day off pier No. 59, North river, at the foot of West Twenty-seventh street. According to the report of the officers of the tug, the sinking was a result of a bar being caused by the ice. Early this morning the tug was sent to pier No. 59 to tow a car float to Jersey City. Off pier No. 59 Capt. William Wilde, of the tug, discovered that the boat was leaking. He ordered the pumps started, but still the water gained. He signalled for assistance, at the same time heading the tug to the pier. The New York Central Railroad tug Vanderbilt came alongside of the Smith, but the pumps of both boats were unable to keep the boat afloat.

Capt. Wilde and his crew of six men stepped from the tug to the float when it was seen that her sinking was inevitable.

FOUGHT SHIP FIRE A MONTH.

Crew, Worn Out, Finally Forced to Scuttle the Vessel.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 8.—Seven survivors of the wrecked ship Challenger, burned and scuttled on the coast of Japan, arrived here on the ship yesterday. The men were sent to this country by the American Consul at Yokohama.

All bore traces of the experience through which they had passed. For almost a month they had fought the flames on the old wooden bark and at times the vessel was kept afloat by only the most heroic work on the part of the officers and crew. For days at a time they were unable to get sleep or rest, and when the ship was finally scuttled on the Japanese coast they were almost too exhausted to get ashore. The ship was beached without the loss of a single life.

New York Actress Gets an Irving Souvenir.



Five years ago a little dark-eyed girl living the humdrum life in her Kansas City, Kan., home read William Allen White's editorial on "What's the matter with Kansas?" She was burning with the desire to be up and doing. She put on her hat, got on a train and went to Kansas City, Mo., where she sent her card to Henry Irving, who was playing there. How she got to see him is a long story, but she saw him.

"I want to go on the stage," she said to him. "I am sure I could make a success."

"I believe you could," said Sir Henry, and he gave her a letter to the manager of the Kansas City stock company.

"This girl will make a success or I am no judge," wrote Sir Henry. Miss Bernadine Risse is a member of Proctor's One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street stock company now. She

TAKE THREE MEN OUT OF ONE BED

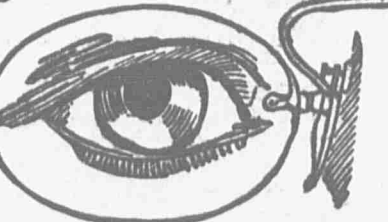
Police Think They Might Know Who Kicked in a Tailor's Door.

Following the report made over the telephone by an excited citizen that the tailor shop of Samuel Bernard, of No. 603 West Fifty-fifth street, was being robbed three policemen from the West Forty-seventh street station, arrested three young men, suspecting that they knew of the alleged robbery.

The policemen found that the door of the tailor had been broken open, and learned from the excited citizen, who said that his business was delivering milk, that the three men had taken refuge in the hallways of the tenement at either No. 588 or No. 589 West Fifty-fifth street.

The three policemen made a flank movement, and in a room under the roof of No. 588 they found three men in one bed. No stolen property was found on any of them. Neither was it proved that anything had been stolen, but the three men were taken to the West Forty-seventh street police station and held on suspicion.

The men said they were Michael Su-



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HEAVY GUARD TO STOP LYNCHING

Mob of 200 Threatens to Take Negro Prisoner at Chattanooga.

(Special to The Evening World.)

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Feb. 8.—The jail is heavily guarded here for fear it will be attacked by a mob of two hundred which formed on Market street, two blocks from the jail, early to-day. It was planned to make a combined

attack on the jail and put to death Edward Johnston, a negro, who is accused of a crime against a young white woman.

Johnston's trial is in progress, but was interrupted by the illness of a juror.

Twenty-five policemen armed with Winchester left the police station for the county jail, and if an attack is made on the jail serious results may follow.

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SCROFULA AN AWFUL INHERITANCE

While it is true that Scrofula may be acquired under certain conditions, it is usually inherited. Parents who are related by the ties of blood, or who have a consumptive tendency, or family blood taint of any character, are sure to transmit it to their children in the form of Scrofula. Swollen glands, brittle bones, poor digestion, weak eyes, Catarrh, emaciated bodies and general weak constitutions are the principal ways in which the disease is manifested.

The blood has been diseased from birth, and being in this condition cannot properly nourish the body and Scrofula is the result. A hereditary disease like this can only be reached, by a constitutional remedy and nothing equals S. S. S. as a cure for it. It cleanses and strengthens the deteriorated blood, drives out all scrofulous and tubercular deposits, and there is a gradual but sure return to health. S. S. S. supplies to the anemic, lifeless blood the properties necessary to build back to strong, robust health, and does this gently and so thoroughly that no signs of the disease are ever seen in after life. Being purely vegetable S. S. S. is the best remedy for Scrofula; its harmless but healing ingredients enter into the circulation and replace wax-like, bloodless faces with vigorous strength glowing with health. Book with information about Scrofula and medical advice free.

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Montgomery, Va. W. H. STOCKTON.

Both KNIFE DUELLISTS HURT.

William G. Milner, of No. 11 West One Hundred and Thirty-sixth street, and Henry Tarter, of No. 1 West One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, both colored, got into a fight early to-day at the home of Milner, and each drew a knife. Both received slight wounds, and were locked up on countercharges in the West One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street police station.

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Impossible to Improve Upon It.

(From the Worcester (Mass.) Opinion Public.)

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In this volume one finds everything one might look for without having to hunt through gigantic books or encyclopedias. The data were all collected day by day, were put in order, and twenty-four hours after the last stroke of 1905 sounded the Almanac was ready to tell what had happened and what would happen. In short, the book is now so useful that it would be impossible to improve upon it.

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\$1.50 Eyeglasses, 50c. In the fashionable skeleton design, patent cork nose-rests; spectacles in straight or riding bow.

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